

The Rochester Philatelic Association, Inc **HINGES & TONGS**

MEETINGS ARE HELD 2ND & 4TH THURSDAYS SEPT.-JUNE AT ST. PAULS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TRADING & TALKING 7PM FORMAL PROGRAM 8PM

JULY - AUGUST

editor
Joseph K. Doles

1994

RPA President's Column

by Tom Fortunato

By the time you read this, the "dog days" of summer will be here. Quite appropriate, actually, as this is the Chinese Year of the Dog!

June 4 was the date of the annual year end banquet, this year held with the Kodak Stamp Club at Rick's Prime Rib House. Over 65 area collectors and guests came to enjoy the meal, a slide presentation on the Statues of Freedom and Liberty, a 96 lot auction and the company of one another. While the event went a little longer than planned, what better way could there be to spend an evening?

The strawberries were as sweet as ever at the traditional last meeting of the RPA stamp season on June 23. Mike Fader, our recuperating recording secretary, made welcomed appearance. So did Stan and Dot Scheer after a long absence. Rumors of a visit from Andy Hale were just that, as Andy was resting after a long day working at his stamp shop. Stop by and say hello when you get a chance.

ROPEX'95 meetings continue through the summer. Rick Kase, show chairman, is deep in the process of organizing the show. Preliminary themes relate to two space anniversaries; Apollo 11's historic moon landing (25 years) and the Apollo/Soyuz Test Project (20 years). Further details of ROPEX'95 will appear in future editions of Hinges & Tongs.

So what's ahead for the upcoming 1994-5 RPA stamp season? Vice Pres. Ada Prill promises to arrange a great year of programs, including a return of the popular one page exhibit competition with a new scoring system. With your help, we will also have several live presentations on a variety of subjects. Do you have a specialty you want to talk about? Don't be shy and contact Ada ASAP so that she can schedule you in.

We would like to see some of our "more seasoned" members attend our meetings. Come and reacquaint yourselves with some old friends and meet your fellow members. If you need a ride, we can arrange one for you. Call me a week in advance of any meeting. How about having "welcome back" meeting where we can display some of the items in our archives. You can fill us in by identifying some old pictures and other memorabilia we've uncovered.

Speaking of archives, the Historical Committee is wrapping up over a year's worth of work. Chairman Paul Gerwitz and his committee of 8 have finished a written history of the RPA from its founding in 1913 through 1971. It's the most comprehensive undertaking of its kind ever. Committee members not only dug through the club archives at St. Paul's Church but also visited such places as the Rochester Museum, old home of the RPA, to learn of extraordinary details and separate fact from fiction. Their report will appear in serial form starting with the next edition of H&T, which by the way was named when a contest was held in 1963. Who won that contest and what did the winner receive as a prize? Keep reading Hinges & Tongs!

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By the way, can anyone help us out in trying to compile as complete as possible run of all RPA cacheted covers ever made? Research has shown that covers even earlier than 1934 exist. There is no recorded listings of these and regrettably, some may be lost forever. So look through your treasure boxes at home and see if you can dig up some covers which can be donated to the club to be appreciated by current and future members. We also are seeking older issues of our newsletters and these, too, would be welcomed by the RPA.

Why don't you consider writing an article or column for an upcoming newsletter? Editor Joe Doles is always in need of items for each issue. Any area of philately can be written about, from classics, to new issues, to your own collecting interests. This is also a good way for some of our out of town or bed-ridden members to participate in the club.

These are just a few of the things happening at the RPA. YOU can make a difference by taking an active role in the club in whatever way you can. Any ideas on possible activities for Stamp Collecting Month in October? I look forward to working with you as we begin our 82nd season!

LOCAL CANCEL ANNOUNCED

Brockport, New York

A postal station will be set up at the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Civil War Soldiers Memorial Tower on Saturday, September 10, 1994. A pictorial cancel has been approved by the USPS and will be available during the event.

An all-day event including patriotic songs, speeches, Civil War re-enactments and encampment. Special event covers and cancel will be available.

Located east of Brockport on Owens Road, between the Erie Canal and Route 31, across from the old Owens Illinois glass factory. For More information call 716-637-5664.

1994 -1995 RPA OFFICERS

PRESIDENT.....THOMAS FORTUNATO
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Membership Chairperson FLORENCE H. WRIGHT

ROPEX'94

Expense & Income Summary

GROSS			NET	
	Debit (exp)	Credit (income)	Debit (exp)	Credit (income)
Dealer Fees	\$	\$ 11,792.00	\$	\$ 11,792.50
Exhibit Fees	223.62	1,789.15		1,565.53
Cachet/Cards	894.71	1,643.40		748.69
Judging	1070.48		1070.48	
Staging	5595.10	651.95	4943.15	
Paid Adv.	2099.57		2099.57	
Mailings	254.88		254.88	
Security	963.00		963.00	
Hospitality	423.80	71.00	352.80	
Awards	491.40		491.40	
Program	345.00	305.00	40.00	
Youth Projects	337.22		337.22	
Misc.	278.30		278.30	
Office Exp.	65.24		65.24	
Donations		105.00		105.00
Banquet	248.59		248.59	
TOTALS	\$13,290.91	\$ 16,358.00	\$ 11,144.63	\$ 14,211.72
net		\$ 3,067.09		\$ 3,067.09
Transfer to RPA general funds			\$ 3,067.09	
Close ROPEX'94 / May 31, 1994.			0	

Opening deposits for ROPEX'95
(Dealer Fees)

\$ 800.00

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor A. Phelps
Treasurer

EXHIBITS WANTED

It is not too early to start your participation in ROPEX, our club's nationally accredited "Champion of Champions" qualifying show. Anyone interested in exhibiting at ROPEX should get in touch with Ada Prill at any RPA meeting or by writing to 130 Trafalger Street, Rochester NY 14619-1224. Applications are available NOW. The show typically fills up in late November or early December, so don't procrastinate - we like to have our own members exhibit at the show.

SCHEDULED SHOWS

Sept. 10 & 11	Rochester Stamp Show Marketplace Inn Sat. 10 - 6 800 Jefferson Rd. Sun. 10 - 5
Sept. 24 & 25	St. Stanislaus Social Center Fillmore Ave at Peckham Sat. 10 - 7 Buffalo, NY Sun. 10 - 5
Oct. 7 & 8	STEPEX'94 Arnot Mall, Rt. 17 Fri. 10 - 9 Horseheads, NY Sat. 10 - 8
Oct. 9	Williamsville Coin & Stamp VFW Post 416, 18 Spring St. Williamsville, NY Sun. 10:30 - 2:30 (2nd Sunday every month)
Oct. 16	Lockport Stamp & Coin Show The Best Western Sun. 10 - 4 515 S. Transit Rd. (Rt. 78) Lockport NY
Nov. 5 & 6	Rochester Stamp Show (same as Sept. 10 & 11)

Rochester Philatelic Association, Inc.**Financial Summary - Fiscal Year**

July 1, 1993 - June 30, 1994

<u>RPA ACTIVITIES</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>NET (LOSS)</u>
Dues	\$ 940.00	\$	\$
Auction % + donation lots	103.96		
Donations	30.00		
Banquet		70.39	
Refreshments		9.08	
Checking account, Interest income	70.79		
General Office Expenses		460.15	
Hinges and Tongs postage		52.08	
Programs, Stamp Insider, Circuits, library books		277.85	
Meeting Room Rental		535.00	
Insurance		386.00	
Dues to other organizations		45.00	
Copier Contract		401.00	
	<u>\$ 1,144.75</u>	<u>\$ 2,236.35</u>	<u>\$ (1,091.80)</u>

Frame Fund Activities

Cachet Projects	\$ 761.14	\$	
Frame Maintainance		388.80	
			\$ 372.34

ROPEX

As reported in ROPEX'94 Expense & Income Summary \$ 3,067.09

PROFIT (LOSS) all RPA activities for year \$ 2,347.63

CASH ACCOUNTS

Regular Checking Account	\$ 7,600.36
*Regular Savings Account	500.04
6 months CD / matures 8/4/94	2,932.60
24 months CD / matures 7/31/94	2,890.41
Petty Cash	56.21
	<u>\$ 13,979.62</u>
	(+ \$ 800.00 deposits for ROPEX'95)

* Old, unused ROPEX Checking
account closed, savings
account established.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor A. Phelps
Treasurer

Thank You

Thank you to all my friends in RPA who sent
cards and called at the recent death of my husband
Earl.

Gratefully, Bernice W.

DO YOU KNOW?

- 1.) What medical test did George Papanicolaou develop?
- 2.) What type of penny is on the 1975 Banking and Commerce stamps.

1.) The Pap test (Scott #1754)
2.) An Indian head penny (Scott #1577)

Rules for RPA One Page Exhibit Contests

1. Only one entry per member will be allowed per contest. To qualify, entrants must be present before any voting begins.
2. Material displayed must be the property of the exhibitor. Collateral material is acceptable, but the emphasis should be philatelic in nature.
3. The maximum page size is 8 1/2 x 11 inches. Any paper type or color is acceptable.
4. No reference to the exhibitor's name is allowed on the display's front. If necessary, window addresses, etc. The exhibitor's name must appear on the reverse of his or her exhibit.
5. The theme of each contest will appear in an issue of *Hinges & Tongs*. "Any subject" contests allow the exhibitor to select any topic or philatelic area.
6. Voting will begin and end at the call of the presiding officer. Every member and guest shall have one vote signifying a preference among the exhibits.
7. Votes will be counted by two non-exhibiting members. Improperly marked ballots are void. In case of a tie, multiple winners are declared. Winners receive prizes.

8. Point totals toward the year end grand prize are as follows:

1st place	5 points
2nd place	4 points
3rd place	3 points
4th place	2 points
all other entrants	1 point

9. Point totals from previous contests in a given season will be cumulative to determine an overall grand champion, who will receive a special award. The recording secretary will record all votes for each contest.

10. All queries shall be addressed to the presiding officer, whose judgment is final.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

As of the middle of August, only 29 out of 150 dues-paying members of RPA had not yet renewed their memberships. We hope these will remember they still need to pay their \$10.00 dues. If you can't remember if you have paid, look at your most recent RPA membership card: if the expiration date is July 1, 1994, then -- OOPS! -- time to get that check written.

Where else can you get such a bargain for your ten dollars? There are 17 meetings, plus a stamp show, plus lots of activities and programs, a chance to buy and swap stamps, and opportunity to meet lots of friendly people.

Since June, we have 2 new members: **David Engdahl**, also a Kodak Club member, and **Amy Vaughn** from Geneseo. This makes a total of 13 new members this year.

Congratulations to two Golden Wedding Anniversary couples: **Stan and Dottie Sheer** and **Larry and Mary Moriarty**. Each pair celebrated their 50th over the summer.

Our sympathies are extended to **Bernice Watson**, whose husband Earl passed away, and to **Herman Gross**, whose wife died over the summer.

Florence H. Wright

Programs

Silent Auction at all meetings unless there is a live auction.
One page competition the second meeting of each month - - also at the only meetings in November, December, and April.

September 8 - Show & Tell Night - - bring in a new philatelic acquisition or an old favorite and tell the group why it's interesting.

September 22 - Speaker: RPA member Robert Meegan presents a slide show of "U.S. Banknote Issues 1870 - 1890." (*one page exhibit - "Summer Activities"*)

October 13 - Speaker : RPA member Ann Trigg will present her program "Stamps of The Hookers."

October 27 - Guest Speaker: E. Peter Lerpiniere. Topic: "How to Recognise a Japanese R.P.O. Without Knowing Japanese." (*one page exhibit on any topic*)